

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Apparatus, methods, and computer-readable media are disclosed for configuring a virtual machine, such as a Java™ virtual machine, to operate as a web server so that users, using a browser, can make general-purpose inquiries into the state of the virtual machine or, in some cases, mutate the state of the VM. A “browsable” VM contains a network traffic worker, such as an HTTP thread, a services library, and a VM operations thread, which is an existing component in most virtual machines. The network traffic worker and the VM operations thread communicate through a request data structure.

5 The VM operations thread generates a reply to the request upon receiving a request data structure from the traffic worker. Such a reply can be in the form of an HTTP response containing HTML or XML pages. These pages are transmitted back to the browser/user by the network traffic worker.

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